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Senate Passes Merger Bill

Senate action March 17 on the proposed legislation making Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM) a fully state supported medical school under the governance of the North Texas State University (NTSU) Board of Regents placed the two schools one step closer to their goal.

The bill (SB 216) breezed through the Senate by an overwhelming vote of 26-2.

A similar bill in the House of Representatives (HB 445) is pending before a subcommittee of the Higher Education Committee. It was referred to the subcommittee following a hearing March 11 which was attended by about 100 supporters of the legislation.

It was this weary crowd who moved from the House Gallery to the House Floor about 11:30 p.m. after waiting almost four hours while the committee heard testimony and questioned witnesses of two additional medical school bills pending before the legislature.

Testimony on the TCOM-NTSU bill began at 11:50 p.m. and continued until 1 a.m. March 12.

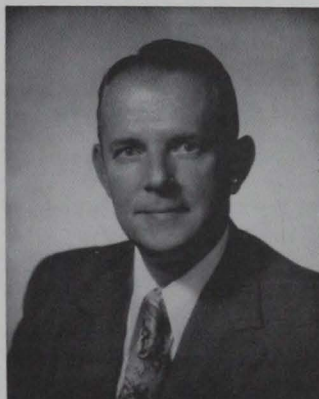
Listening to the testimony of five witnesses were TCOM students, faculty, administrators, alumni and staff; practicing osteopathic physicians throughout the state; NTSU administrators; and Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital administrators.

Testifying for the TCOM-NTSU bill were Marion E. Coy, D.O., TCOM president; George Luihel, D.O., TCOM Board of Directors chairman; C. C. Nolen, NTSU president; Dr. Bevington Reed, Texas College and University Coordinating Board chairman; and Jack Gibson, former executive administrative vice-president at TCOM and currently special assistant to the vice-president for fiscal affairs at NTSU.

No persons spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sponsors of the bill are Sen. Betty Andujar and Rep. Gib Lewis, both of Fort Worth.

Dr. Crowell Named Graduation Speaker



Dr. Ed Crowell

Edward P. Crowell, D.O., executive director of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), will address the 1975 graduating class of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM) during Commencement activities June 2, according to Marion E. Coy, D.O., TCOM president.

The graduation ceremony will be at 10:30 a.m. in the William Edrington Scott Theater.

Dr. Crowell became AOA's chief administrative officer in September of 1968 after serving as both associate and assistant directors of AOA since he joined the organization in 1964.

A 1952 graduate of Kirksville (Mo.) College of Osteopathy and Surgery, he interned at Waterville Osteopathic Hospital.

In 1956, he returned to Waterville as medical director and chairman of the hospital's department of osteopathic medicine. Three years later, he was appointed director of its clinical laboratory.

Dr. Crowell took his specialty training in internal medicine from 1953-56 at the Hospitals of the Philadelphia Col-

lege of Osteopathic Medicine and was named chief resident physician during his last two years there.

He served as a voluntary hospital inspector of the AOA Committee on Hospitals.

Between 1959-63, Dr. Crowell was a gubernatorial appointee to the Hill-Burton Commission of the Maine Hospital Advisory Commission for Construction.

Dr. Crowell is a member of the American Heart Association, a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists and a former trustee of that specialty group.

Born in Chillicothe, Ohio, Dr. Crowell graduated from the Skowhegan (Maine) High School in 1944, served two years in the Navy and took his pre-med training at the University of Maine before entering Kirksville in 1948.

Doctorate services for the 25-member graduating class will be at 2 p.m., June 1 in Ridglea Presbyterian Church.

The Senior Banquet is slated for 7:30 p.m. at the Shady Oaks Country Club on May 31.

In Memorium

John S. Knox

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of John S. Knox, who died April 7 in Houston.

Knox joined TCOM in August 1973 as the histopathology technician in the Pathology Department. Prior to joining TCOM, Knox served as a histopathology technician in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Gail; and three daughters, Julia, Christaine and Sharon.

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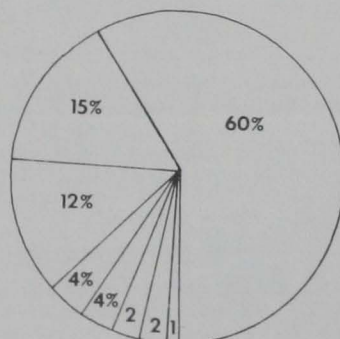
Strictly Speaking

The size of our "financial pie" continues to get bigger, with increased enrollment and continued federal and state assistance. New money has increased each year since the profession raised enough funds in 1970 to put the school in business without outside assistance. This is just another reminder that TCOM opened its doors with private funds, most of which came from the osteopathic profession who cared enough to stand behind TCOM.

Contributions in the name of pledges, gifts, donations and memorials have continued to come from a concerned profession—whose ratio of giving in proportion to the total monies received has continued to hold constant.

Professional giving rose from 2.5 per cent in 1972 to 4 per cent in 1973 and down to 2 per cent in 1974. This is indicative that donors, with special emphasis upon the group known as TCOM Sustainers, are continuing to offer financial help in areas that are not always covered in restricted funding from federal and state agencies.

Even as the "slices" that represent government continue to increase with each fiscal year, the portion that represents the D.O. profession is a worthwhile "serving" and rates the praise of all those persons identified with TCOM.



State aid	60%
Federal Aid	15%
Tuition & fees	12%
Foundations	4%
Investment yield	4%
D.O. Gifts	2%
Misc. gifts	2%
Other	1%

From the President's Desk

M. E. Coy, D.O.

From the vantage point of the President's office, I would like to state our position and course at the present time somewhat as follows: The most important reason for the existence of this college is our objective to produce excellently qualified General Practitioners. One measurement of our success might be the performance of our students taking Parts I and II of the National Osteopathic Board examinations in comparison to students taking the same examination from other osteopathic medical schools. At the last examination Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine students ranked in ONE and TWO positions in every subject except one and that was FOURTH.

Of all the students taking the Texas State Board examination last December, including students from all seven Texas medical schools, out-of-state medical students and foreign medical students, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine was one of two medical schools who had no failures. We are in the process of reviewing our curriculum and teaching methods in order to do even better.

The merger between Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and North Texas State University is progressing well up to this point. The Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System gave us unanimous approval in October and finally in December. We have had a hearing before the Texas Senate Education Committee with unanimous approval and the merger was passed on the floor of the Senate by a 26-2 vote. We have had a hearing before the House Committee on Higher Education and the bill (HB 445) now rests in a subcommittee there. Hopefully it will be brought to the floor of the House shortly and approved.

We have had a Planning Committee consisting of representatives of NTSU, TCOM, FWOH and an architectural firm at work almost constantly with meetings every week for the past several months. Recommendations from that committee are now beginning to emerge. Hopefully we will have more good news by the time of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association convention in Dallas the 1st of May. See you all there!

As Seen By...

Kitty Bates
Financial Aid Coordinator

A number of people are convinced that, financially speaking, the medical student today has it much better than one twenty years ago. We seem to think that the very fact one is a student guarantees him a lower cost of living than the rest of us have.

Nothing could be farther from reality! Our students are faced with the same living expenses we are—they pay the same inflated prices for food, rent, utilities and gasoline. On top of all that they must pay tuition, fees and buy books and equipment. Books alone now run \$300-\$400 per year.

At a time when their expenses are so high, their income is at its lowest. They are loaded with a heavy curriculum that prevents any outside work. As a result they are dependent on spouse's income, if any, parents' help, if available, and any loans they can scrape up.

And scrape up is the name of the game—the college itself has extremely limited money for student loans. The state loan now available doesn't close

the gap and federal programs are slowing up.

Each year while TCOM's enrollment goes up, the amount of federal money available for student aid goes down. The result is an ever-increasing gap between student expenses and student income.

The State of Texas has the means of alleviating some of this hardship and concurrently providing medical care in areas where the current physician shortage is most severely felt.

In 1973 the legislature passed a law creating a State Rural Medical Education Board which would have the authority to grant loans and scholarships to medical students who planned to practice in rural areas (counties with less than 25,000).

This program would have been particularly beneficial to TCOM students for two reasons: it would have created another fund for certain students to draw from and it would have reinforced the plans of some students to practice family medicine in small towns.

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Alumni Association

Eight members of the first graduating class have reported their intentions to begin general practice in Texas — mainly in rural areas — upon completion of their internships in June.

At least four of the initial class expect to begin residencies in special disciplines.

Dr. Paul Livingston will return to his hometown of Comanche where he will start his career among longtime acquaintances. A partnership has been created by Drs. Terry Parvin and Shelley Howell. They will open practice in Dr. Howell's hometown of Temple.

The remaining G.P.s have selected "new territory" in which to begin their practice. Dr. Nelda Cuniff, only female member of her graduating class, will practice in Burleson, a rapidly growing community between Fort Worth and Cleburne.

Others include Drs. Ron Daniels, Mineola; Bob Holston, Mabank; John Sessions, Kirbyville; and Ron Sherbert, Grand Saline.

A decision has not been reached by Dr. David Ray, president-elect of the association, who is interning in El Paso, but he states he is considering setting up a family practice at Decatur, close to his hometown of Bridgeport.

Dr. Bob Breckenridge will remain at Dallas Osteopathic Hospital as a resident in internal medicine. The Breckenridges recently bought a home in Garland, where he once served as band director of Garland High School.

Three members, who are serving internships in military service, will continue in residency at their present posts. Dr. Ken Brock, Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C., plans to begin a three-year residency in psychiatry. Dr. Jesse Ramsey, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, plans to remain there as a resident in pediatrics and Dr. John Williams will become a resident in OB-Gyn at U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.

No definite statements have been forthcoming from Drs. Gil Greene, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio and Sterling Lewis, Letterman Army Medical Center, San Francisco. Dr. Greene has indicated, however, that he plans to practice in Texas when his Army tour is finished.

Plans of Drs. Gene Bond, Tucker, Ga.; Jobey Claborn, Phoenix, Ariz.; and T. David Wiman, association president, Dallas' East Town Osteopathic Hospital, have yet to be announced.

The Alumni Association will hold its first "homecoming" during the annual meeting of Texas Osteopathic Medical Association on May 2 in Dallas.



ALUMNI BUSINESS—Board members discuss a forthcoming membership meeting. Shown, from left, are Drs. T. David Wiman, president; Ron Sherbert, first vice president; and Bob Holston, director.

Dr. Harakal Joins TCOM

New chairman of the Osteopathic Philosophy, Principles and Practice Department is John H. Harakal, D.O. of Richardson.

A practicing physician in Dallas, Dr. Harakal received his doctor of osteopathy from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1957 and served an internship at Kirksville Osteopathic Hospital in 1957-58.

He received a B.S. in Education from Bowling Green State University in 1951 and did post-graduate study at Bowling Green and Youngstown University, prior to entering medical school.

A native of Sharon, Pa., he has served on the staff of East Town Osteopathic Hospital, Dallas, and Dallas Osteopathic Hospital.



Dr. John Harakal

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To our chagrin, the program was never funded by the 1973 legislature. In the past two years, the board hasn't even been able to establish an office, much less grant loans and scholarships.

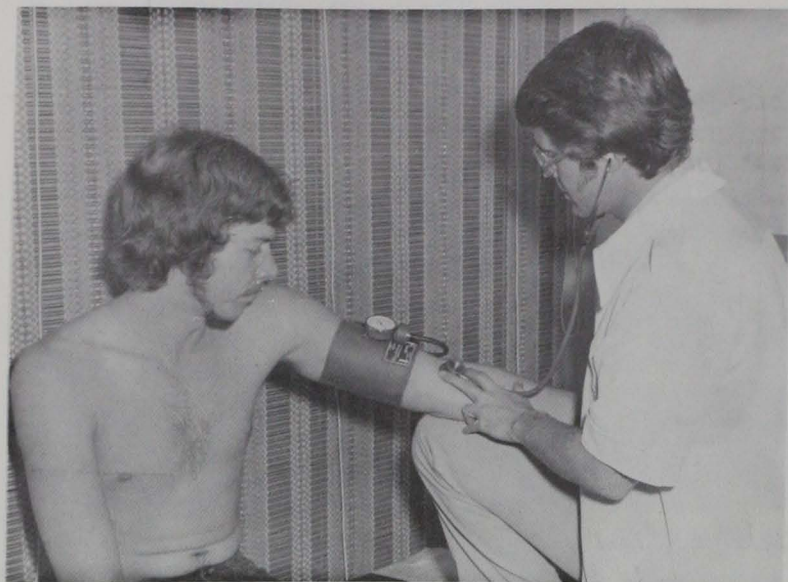
State Representatives Mickey Leland of Houston and Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas are now trying to correct this. They are proposing, via HB 554, an additional tax of \$8.25 per thousand cigarettes sold. Of this, one dollar would go to the Rural Medical Education Board and 50 cents would go to the Parks and Wildlife Department. The remaining net revenue would go into the General Fund.

The bill is now in the House Committee on Revenue and Taxation, whose chairman is Rep. Joe Wyatt, Jr., of Bloomington.

It seems to this writer that the additional tax is high, with the General Fund receiving the bulk of the income, and that the same purposes could be achieved with a lower cigarette tax. It is very important, however, that some form of revenue bill be passed immediately. Neither our students nor those people now deprived of quality medical care can afford to wait another two years.

We urge all of you — physicians, students, faculty, everyone interested in health care — to write Reps. Wyatt, Leland and Johnson expressing interest in some version of this bill. Write today!

Money can be a medium of genuine and continuing satisfaction if one gives some of it away with enlightened self-interest. — Harry Levinson



CHECKUP — S/D Pat Bell, class of '75, gives a physical exam to William Knox, Texas Wesleyan College basketball player from Houston during a checkup at the Rosedale Clinic. TCOM's outpatient clinics have an agreement to give medical care to TWC athletes.



BOARD ADDITION — Horace A. Emery, D.O., of Lubbock, has been serving on the TCOM Board of Directors since his election last June. He was named to the Board following his nomination by the TOMA House of Delegates.

SC Elects 1975 Officers

New Student Council and class officers for 1975 were elected in January with Steve Farmer serving as Student Council president.

Officers are elected on a calendar year basis from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Officers will serve during the spring term of 1974-75 and the fall term of 1975-76.

Assisting Farmer will be J. B. Gilleland, vice-president; Ron Jackson, secretary; and Jerry Waits, treasurer.

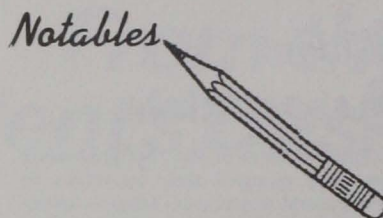
Fourth-year class officers are Chuck O'Toole, president; Larry Farr, vice-president; and Clint Burns, secretary.

Third-year class officers are Randy Lofton, president; Dale Zimmerman, vice-president; and Randy Collins, secretary-treasurer.

Serving as second-year class officers are Doug Morrow, president; Jimmie Stevens, vice-president; Mike Klett, secretary; and Dennis Kost, treasurer.

Leading the first-year class is Bud Classen as president. Other officers are Ron Jackson, vice-president; and Jerry Waits, secretary.

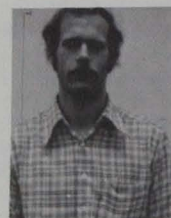
Student Council representatives are O'Toole and Farr, fourth-year; Lofton, Zimmerman and Collins, third-year; Morrow, Gilleland and Farmer, second-year; and Classen, Jackson and Waits, first-year.



A belated acknowledgment: WAN-BANG LO, Ph.D., second-year student-doctor, was declared **FIRST PLACE** winner in the research category during the 1974 Student Medical Writing Contest sponsored by the Editorial Dept., AOA. Top prize was \$300. Other students who won in additional categories include JOHN ANGELO, 3rd year; JAMES LEATHERWOOD, 2nd year; and STEPHEN PRICE, 4th year. Announcement of 1975 winners will come



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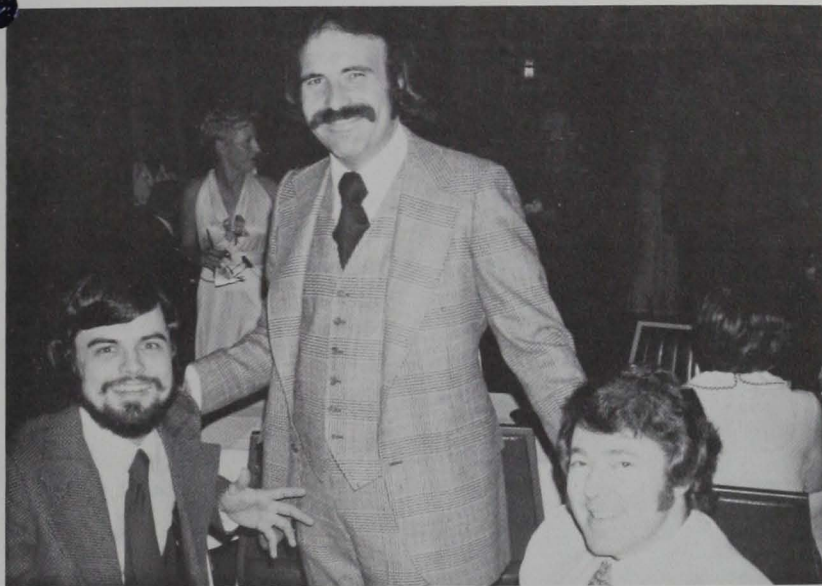
Thompson

in MAY . . . With reference to belated AOA awards, the Audio-Visual department of TCOM has learned that a special **REAR PROJECTOR DISPLAY UNIT** produced by KEN COFFELT and BOB COMBS won an **EXHIBITORS** award during the AOA convention in Portland, Oregon. . .

Also belatedly noted: Dr. DAVID and MARY RAY, TCOM alumnus, welcomed daughter AUTUMN HOPE born last October . . . Recent **DONATIONS** to the Student Center, located in a converted house on the school's campus, came from five WIVES of Fort Worth D.O.s Namely, Mrs. D. D. BEYER, couch and chair; Dr. VIRGINIA ELLIS, cash; MRS. ROY B. FISHER, carpet; Mrs. GEORGE F. PEASE, two love seats; and Mrs. W. A. PRESSLY, manipulation table and drapes . . .

The annual R. C. McCaughan Scholarship, awarded by the National Osteopathic Foundation, went to second-year student JEFFREY THOMPSON, who won the \$400 scholarship for being selected as an outstanding **FRESHMAN** student . . . First-year student ROY CAIVANO of Fort Worth was named a \$750 scholarship **WINNER** by the Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association which awards annual scholarships to entering students in osteopathic colleges . . . MIKE LeCOMPTE, class

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SCHOLARSHIP BOOSTERS—Fourth-year classmates, S/Ds John Thompson, left, Charles Vogler and Allan Kalich reflect their enthusiastic support of the Wintercrest Ball, an annual fund raising event sponsored by District II, Auxiliary Texas Osteopathic Medical Association.



TEACHING EXPERTISE—This group of educational experts served as instructors during a TCOM seminar on "Assisting Faculty to Improve Instructional Methods." They are: (left to right) Thurston Manning, Ph.D., president of Bridgeport University, Fairfield, Conn.; Edward T Newell, D.O., TCOM academic vice president; Philip Pletcher, Ph.D., director, division of osteopathic education, AOA; Philip Pumerantz, Ph.D., associate director, division of predoctoral education, AOA; and Bruce Howell, Ph.D., superintendent of schools, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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of '76, from Austin, was married in January. His wife, SUZANNE, is enrolled in TCU's Harris College of Nursing. They expect to embark upon their medical careers together . . . TOM WISE, director of social services, has been named a DIRECTOR of Sickle Cell Anemia Association of Texas . . . MARVIN HERRING has assumed duties of director of student recruitment, while his former secretary, Mrs. EARLINE McELROY, has become acting director of admissions and registrar . . . The Student Services department has inaugurated a student and SPOUSE employment service which serves as a CLEARING HOUSE to help find part-time and full-time jobs.



Coffelt



Caivano

TCOM will host the annual Osteopathic Education Communications Association conference on April 11-12, announced KEN COFFELT, association treasurer. Membership of this group is composed of AV directors from all osteopathic colleges. Coffelt said the thrust of this conference will be directed toward developing a mechanism through which the schools can more readily share their locally produced programs . . . New ARRIVALS in student HOUSEHOLDS include APRIL RENEE, born February 10, whose parents are JULIE and TOM EWING, '76; and RAYNE, daughter of LORI and TOMMY NOONAN, '77; born on March 3 . . . CAROL WHITE public relations director of Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, and RAY STOKES attended a March P.R. conference in Washington, D.C., which included representation from state associations, hospitals and osteopathic colleges . . . LEE DeFORD, director of purchasing, attended a Chicago meeting of the National Association of Educational Buyers. DeFord is a member of the organization.

The wealth of a nation consists more than anything else in the number of educated men that it harbors. — William James

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SW Auxiliary Elects Officers

The Student Wives' Auxiliary recently went to the polls to elect a slate of officers for 1975-76 and Suzan (John) Garner won the honor to lead the organization during the forthcoming academic year.

Mrs. Garner will be assisted by the following officers: Kathy (James) Gilleland, vice-president; Karen (Bruce) Hayward, recording secretary; Terri (James) Kravetz, corresponding secretary; and Ann (George) Lindsey, treasurer.

The new officers will be installed during the SWA's annual banquet on May 13.

Janice (G. L.) Tilma, out-going president, reported a number of projects

were conducted by her administration. About \$200 was raised from a rummage sale, members assisted in a recent cancer drive conducted at TCOM's Central Clinic, helped as aides at Rosedale Clinic and worked on a regular schedule at the gift shop of Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital.

Mrs. Tilma said a rummage (garage) sale set for April 12 on TCOM parking lot will be the final fund raising project this academic year. She also said the SWA will have a brunch at the end of April honoring all seniors' wives.

The SWA continues to sell steins and coffee cups with the TCOM emblem.

Throughout the year student-doctors have served as officers in various college organizations. Officers for Sigma Sigma Phi and the Student Osteopathic Medical Assn. (SOMA) are listed below.

Serving as Sigma Sigma Phi leaders have been fourth-year S/D Chuck O' Toole, president; third-year S/D Randy Lofton, vice-president; fourth-year S/D Charles Wheeler, corresponding secretary.

SOMA officers for this year have been third-year S/D Dale Zimmerman, president; second-year S/D John Garner, vice-president; second-year S/D Gary Wolf, secretary-treasurer; and first-year S/D George Allen, reporter.

Club Officers Serve 1975 Terms

Dr. Sharp Named Head

T. Robert Sharp, D.O., of Mesquite has been named chairman of the Scholarship and Loan Committee, announced M. E. Coy, D.O., TCOM president.

Dr. Sharp, a committee member for the past four years, heads the group which constitutes one of the school's vital committees—one that is charged with the responsibility of allocating funds to qualified student applicants.

Also named to serve on the committee are John Gaugl, Ph.D., associate professor, physiology; Melvin Johnson, D.O., clinical associate professor, medicine; Joan Swaim, librarian; Kitty Bates, financial aid coordinator; Virginia Ellis, D.O., associate director and clinical professor, pediatrics; and Edmund R. Tyska, D.O., an Irving physician.

All but Drs. Ellis and Tyska have either had previous experience as members or had some identification with the work of the committee. Mrs. Swaim has served as secretary for the past four years, with Mrs. Bates assisting.

Dr. Sharp replaces Ray Stokes who served as chairman and loan officer until a new department was created last July. Student scholarships and loans are now placed under the supervision of the Student Services department.

Mrs. Bates, former assistant to the director of development and public relations, serves as TCOM's loan officer.

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